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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO 1449 (R&P) submitted herewith. A copy of each of the listed references is also enclosed. A copy of the PCT Search Report is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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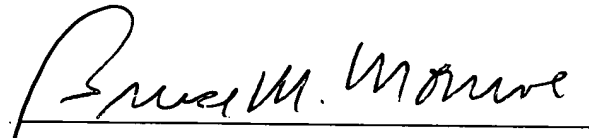
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

References DE4419683 and DE1950683 are not in the English language, but an English abstract thereof is attached to the copy of each of these reference submitted herewith. Peroxodisulfat-Recycling, Metalloberfläche, 50 (1996), 272-

276, is not in the English language. A concise explanation of the relevance of this document appears in the specification on page 5, line 11, to page 6, line 3.

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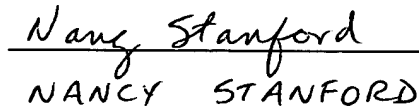
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		International Search Report for corresponding PCT application, PCT/DE99/03474, April 2000
		“Peroxodisulfat-Recycling,” <u>Metalloberfläche</u> 50 (1996) pp. 272-276

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